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Venice, November 10. *N. S.*

A Convoy of Money, Arms and Ammunition, is preparing here for the Forces of this State in the *Levant*, which will be ready to ſail in few days. The Imperial Forces in *Lombardy* have lately received a good number of Recruits, and a Supply of Horſes to remount their Cavalry; and we are in great Expectation of the Succeſs of ſome Deſign they have in hand, which is hitherto kept ſecret. Several Veſſels laden with Corn and other Proviſions are lately arrived from *Segna* at *Mezzola*, to ſupply the Imperial Magazine there.

Milan, November 10. The Duke of *Vendoſme* has made ſome ſtay at *Caſal*, to receive the Duke of *Savoy*'s final Anſwer to the Propoſals which he had Orders to make to him on the Behalf of the *French* King; but finding him fix'd in his Reſolution not to depart from the Engagements he is lately enred into with the Emperor, and the other Confederates, againſt *France* and *Spain*, he has begun Hoſtilities againſt his Royal Highneſs, by poſſeſſing himſelf, as it is ſaid, of *Aſti*, on the Frontiers of *Piedmont*, where he found neither Inhabitants, nor any Proviſions or Effects of any Value, that Place having been abandoned by the Duke of *Savoy*'s Order, after the Fortifications had firſt been demoliſhed. We do not hear that the *French* Forces have made any further Progreſs, nor can it be expected they ſhould make any great Impreſſion on that ſide, the Seaſon being ſo far advanced, that they cannot keep the Field much longer. The Duke of *Savoy* aſſembles his chief Force about *Chieri*, in order to cover *Turin*. We know not yet whether the Marquis *de Viſconti* has been able to join him with the Detachment of Imperial Horſe under his Command, or whether he has been obliged to march back again towards *Oſtiglia*, as the *French* give out; but of this we are certain, that his advancing ſo far, as we know he has done towards *Piedmont*, has made a Diverſion of the *French* Forces, which will prove of great Benefit to the Duke of *Savoy*'s Affairs.

Cologne, November 27. The Prince of *Saze-Zeitz*, Biſhop of *Raab*, who has reſided here ſome time as the Emperor's Miniſter, is ſhortly expected from *Vienna*, ſome of his Servants and part of his Equipage being already returned hither. Upon Advice that the Marſhal *de Tallard*, after the Action at *Spire*, was ſending a ſtrong Detachment to *Hombourg*, the Palatine Forces which were in Garriſon there have abandoned that Place, having firſt demoliſhed the Fortifications. We hear the Governor of *Gelder* has ſent an Officer to *Wezel*, with new Propoſals for ſurrendring that Place. According to our laſt Advices from the *Upper Palatinate*, the Forces before *Amberg* had raiſed ſeveral Batteries againſt that Place, and already made a conſiderable Breach; ſo that we hope our next will bring an Account of its being ſurrendred.

Liege, November 27. The Barons of *Mean* and *Autremont*, who had been deputed from our Chapter to wait upon the King of *Spain* at the *Hague*, are returned hither. A conſiderable number of Forces are to remain in Gariſon this Winter at *Maſtricht* and in this Place, which will be ready at hand to oppoſe any Attempts of the *French* on this ſide. The Damage which the Fortifications of *Huy* have ſuſtained during the late Siege is repaired, and Directions are given for adding ſome new Works to the former. Several Perſons who are lately come from *Namur* report, That the *French* have made great Rejoycings there for the taking of *Landau*, and their late Succeſs neat *Spire*, tho' they cannot deny that both have coſt them a conſiderable number of Men, among whom are reckoned ſeveral of their beſt Officers. The Elector of *Cologne* is ſaid to lie dangerouſly ill at *Namur*.

Falmouth, Nov. 25. Her Majeſty's Ships the *Orford*, *Warſpight* and *Lichfield*, ſailed hence yeſterday for *Spithead*, and with them the *Elizabeth* of *London*, from *Montſerat*, and 3 Coaſters. A *Dutch* Privateer ſailed from hence at the ſame time to cruize.

Plimouth, Nov. 28. Her Majeſty's Ships the *Edgar* and *Reſolution* ſailed from hence the 24th Inſtant to the Eaſtward, and under their Convoy the *Charles*, a Tranſport-Ship of *London*, *Joſeph Strowde* Maſter, bound home from *Jamaica*; the *Rook* Galley of *London*, *William Cherry* Maſter, bound home from *Viana*; the *Turner*, *William Degaver* Maſter, and the *Young Jacob*, *John Bow* Maſter, both from *Surinam*; the *Nightingale*, the *Arms of Amſterdam*, and the *King David*; the 5 Ships laſt mentioned belonging to *Amſterdam*, and bound home. The ſame day came in the *Sidney*, Captain *Upton* Commander, and the *Two Brothers* of *Poole*, *Thomas Thompſon* Maſter, both from *Falmouth*.

Yeſterday we had a dreadful Storm, and 3 or 4 Merchant Ships were caſt away, and one was ſtranded, but many of the Men were ſa-

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